

## THE LEADERS AS THEY APPEARED YESTERDAY AFTER RIDING 110 HOURS.

(From photographs taken for the Journal at Madison Square Garden yesterday afternoon.)



MILLER.

WALLER.

PIERCE.

the race to Pierce. The least mishap on the part of any of the leaders may change the complexion of the race entirely.

But the thing will go through to a finish, however it may end. The steady drone of the wheels, the swift unavailing of the miles, the endurance of pain in sense of pain is killed, the struggle on by the sleepless jacks of the hunt will be kept up to the finish.

But before the finish comes, to some of them death would appear a voluptuous rest.

Down in Mexico there is a sect of fanatics who strap themselves naked from the waist up, walk in procession and scourge each other with thorns.

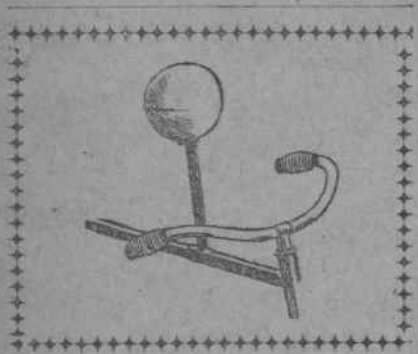
A spectacle such as this in Madison Square Garden would undoubtedly draw a tremendous crowd. It would be something more bloody, but the self-affliction would scarcely be greater.

But Miller wants a grocery store. Pierce wants medicine for a sick wife. Mrs. Schinner wants a soulskin sacque. Lawson wants to start a bicycle store. The Frenchman wants money to get back to France, and as Shakespeare would say: "What fools these mortals be."

## WALLER'S FALL PROVES COSTLY.

Robs Him of Any Chance to Take the Lead from Miller. Wedding To-day.

The race grew desperate on next to the last day. But a scant forty-six hours remained for the bakers' dozen of weary riders to improve their positions in the contest. Some of the pedal pushers abandoned all hope of catching the man in front. This did not mean a chance to rest tired limbs and aching bodies, however. There were cautious riders behind, intent on moving up one per cent on the list. If such were possible. Ceaselessly they sped around the endless pine girde, revived by the thought that it would all soon be over. Then they could seek the comforts of feathers and linen and then—



Lawson's Support.

probably start to prepare for the next six-day mill.

Harring accidents, it appears to be Miller's race, but his most precious rival, Dutch Waller, has given him a battle that will be long remembered by those who delight in the feudish but plucky struggle of the week.

In the gray of dawn yesterday the leaders started the crucial test. Every man circled the track with the speed of a sprinter, reeling off a fast mile. All thought they could in this manner kill off the others. It was only after hours of such racing as is seldom witnessed that the field settled down to a methodical gait.

Pacing Stopped.

Waller led the first bunch in the early morning hours. Julius paced him in such a palpable manner that West, Miller's trainer, protested vigorously at the time. But Waller, who has given him a battle that will be long remembered by those who delight in the feudish but plucky struggle of the week.

Miller retired for a rub down about this time, and before he made his reappearance on the scene he was again in second place, the leading German having three miles advantage.

It was dreary in the mammoth building just at this time, and the monotony soon had its effect on all the riders. Nawn wanted to sleep, nothing but a slumber, but the contest he was in was too much for him. He was in front by four miles. Stevens became refractory in this hour and, by insisting on going off, lost fifth place to Glimm.

Miller's Fatal Enthusiasm.

By 7 o'clock Waller had a lead of four miles, and this so pleased him that he started to wake up the sleepers by a series of marvellous bursts of speed. As usual, he rode all over the track, to the imminent danger of every one else as well as himself. Twice he fell, and the



Waller's Padded Seat.

second time he went down his hope of getting the winning purse was dashed to pieces, as was the upright post which he struck a fearful blow with his shoulder. Luckily he recovered himself, he quickly remounted and renewed the grind. The bellying nature soon forced him to give up the sufferings of the contest were excruciating, he afterward admitted.

This two hours suffered retirement cost him first place, as Miller had rolled up twenty-four miles. The fall of Waller, between 8 and 9 o'clock, Miller still rode the garden like a man and attended the cheering crowd by his wonderful speed. During the hour he covered over twenty miles, and after slowing up professed that the exhilaration of the effort made him feel better than ever. When Waller returned to the track his ambition to worry Miller was no longer noticeable.

Occasionally he resorted to a sprint in a perfunctory manner, but it was not with the dash and vim which he had displayed all through the week. Aerial lunges all over his body alleviate the suffering of Waller somewhat, but even his trainers admit that it is doubtful if he can do better than second position.

Miller Sees Victory.

Inspired by the thought that first place is his beyond question, all afternoon the speedy Miller exhibited his remarkable nerve force by virtually circling the track around every other man on the track. For the second time in the day he made twenty miles in the sixty minutes, and then only relaxed his speed but little. Although at noon Miller was only fourteen miles ahead of the next man, before another six hours had flown he had increased that distance to thirty miles, and then gave no indication of weariness.

Half a century's lead over Albert assures Pierce of third place at least, and the forced out candidate is only tiring fast enough to prevent Albert from catching up. He would have to gain thirty miles to catch with Waller the right to second money, and this he also admits he never allow. If he has to stick to his machine without a dismount, Albert is satisfied to be fourth.

Steadily yesterday, Albert augmented his score, riding at a fast pace without missing up in any of the strifes of the leader. But he is certain of fourth place is suffi-

cient for Albert. He cannot catch Pierce unless the latter goes to pieces—a most unlikely happening—and a matter of fifty miles precludes the probability of Glimm approaching Albert's place.

The streak of yellow developed by "Doggie" Stevens yesterday has overwhelmed with grief the contingent of Buffaloes who have planned faith to their thirteen-year-old representative. Stevens absolutely refused to return to the starting line, but he felt the pleasure of his cot. Only constant persuading succeeded in bringing him out on the track late in the afternoon after eight hours' rest, but he just crept along fast enough to preserve his balance.

He now intends to finish the race, but has given up hope of figuring in the distribution of the prize money. From fifth to sixth place he dropped in eight hours, and the prospects were last night that he would slide further down the scale.

Nawn's Renewed Energy.

Nawn worked hard yesterday to get within the first seven. He had gained two miles on Stevens at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and by 6 o'clock passed Aronson, securing the coveted place thereby. Fresher than he had been in twenty-four hours, last night he led the rest of the riders a merry clip. By constant spurring he managed to keep Lawson repeatedly, but as the "Terrible" Swede had an advantage of nearly seventy miles, this is not a matter of doubt as to whether the elongated Irishman will succeed in wresting sixth place from Lawson, who asserts that he is in excellent condition that he will surely maintain his position he now holds.

Early in the day Schinner and Hale decided that there was no further use of endeavoring the miseries of the struggle when there was no chance of gain. Both quit, but Hale was requested by the promoter to return to the track, if only to register his fifteen hundredth mile. This the blood whickered rider from the Emerald Isle consented to do, as he did not fancy to remain home with the stigma of being termed a quitter.

Summary of short races held last night: One-mile race, (amen)—C. M. East, New York, vs. John H. Lake, Staten Island. First best won by East, time, 2:30. Second best time, 2:35. Half-mile race, (amen)—C. M. East, New York, vs. John H. Lake, Staten Island. First best won by East, time, 2:30. Second best time, 2:35.

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## AS THE RIDERS APPEARED BEFORE THE RACE BEGAN.

(From photographs taken for the Journal at Madison Square Garden last Sunday afternoon.)

MILLER. WALLER. PIERCE.

## BOARD OF HEALTH'S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE SIX-DAY RACE SAYS THE MEN WHO ARE ON THE TRACK NOW ARE IN GOOD SHAPE.

Dr. Alonzo Blauvelt, Chief Inspector of the Division of Contagious Diseases and Special Sanitary Inspection, is the head official representative of the Board of Health at the six-day bicycle race. He spends a portion of each day in the Garden, and there is always a representative of the Board in attendance. Dr. Blauvelt each morning informs President Murphy in general of the happenings of the day before, and gives him as well a report of the conditions of the riders.

"The men who are on the track now," said Dr. Blauvelt last yesterday afternoon, "are all in good condition. Of course, there is a difference in the individual cases, for one man's knees may trouble him, another man may be saddle sore and so on. But, speaking generally, there is no man on the track who is not in condition to do the physical work required of him. Everything may be changed an hour from now. It is the business of the Health Board to see that when a man is not fit to continue he must be allowed, if he desires, or be compelled if he does not, to stop; he must not be driven back to the track and his wheel. For instance if, as we watch here, we see a man wabbling on his wheel we order his trainer to take the man from the track. Then we would subject him to a physical examination. If we discover that his heart is wrong, or if for any other reason he is physically incapacitated, he is not allowed to continue.

"Sometimes, and it has happened in this race, all a contestant needs is sleep. We have ordered a man to bed and kept him there five hours at a time. A man's heart, too, is often weak from strain, and it is dangerous for him to keep at his work, when, if he will sleep an hour or two, he will be all right and in good condition to race again.

"Yesterday we ordered five men out of the race—four because their hearts were not working properly, and the fifth one on account of bad knees. But the men who are left in the race are at this minute in good condition. They are tired, of course, but there is no danger to any one of them just now."

President John P. Haines, of the Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said that if the six days' bicycle race came within the limits of his society's powers he would have stopped it last Monday evening.

"If human beings," said President Haines yesterday afternoon, "choose to do brutal things to themselves it's a matter this society cannot interfere with. The Board of Health and the police are the responsible parties. The bicycle race comes within the province of the Board of Health certainly. In my opinion that race, and I have been a spectator, is a brutal exhibition, unnecessary, unjustifiable and not serving any good purpose."

"If those poor men were animals," said Superintendent Hankinson, of the A. S. P. C. A., "trainers, rubbers, promoters, and all would come within the power of this society, and would be liable under the statutes to fine or imprisonment, or both. More than fifty men have come to this office since the race began Monday and asked if this society could not stretch its authority and stop the exhibition. If science had anything to gain it might be different, but it's nothing more than a money-making scheme."

## TEDDY EDWARDS TELLS ALL ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE SIX-DAY RIDERS.

By Teddy Edwards.

The number of probable contestants for the final struggle for supremacy in the great race has slimmered down to two, Miller and Waller. Waller has had several terrific falls, but yesterday morning he got crowded out somehow by somebody—he says it was Miller. He lost his balance and came down a terrible cropper, hurting his chest and thighs. This was a very costly fall for him. It knocked a lot of vitality out of him, shook up his system so that he cannot assume his usual position in his saddle and forced him out of first position. But "Dutch" is as game as they make 'em, and is prepared to fight it out to the bitter end.

Miller is confident now, more so than he has been all week. He has a substantial lead over Waller, and has nothing enough to spare to enable him to rest for awhile and remount still ahead of his man. Besides, he is soaching, so that he can be in time at his own wedding. That would be a good excuse to a bicycle policeman, and the next time he is stopped for riding alone the fruit I'll try it. Miller is keeping his promise and fulfilling Miss Haines's prediction in giving the boys their medicine in the last two days of the race.

Pierce can hardly hope to do any better than third. His record-breaking pace from the beginning of the race until the eighth day, when he lost his lead, has told upon him and has drawn almost to the fullest extent upon his strength. His will power is still dominant, however, and he is riding on, hoping against hope that some mishap to those who are ahead will bring him into more money at the end of it all. If Pierce had been content to watch Miller and Waller and not go off on his own hook he would have done much better. The responsibility of being ahead was too much for him. He should have played the waiting game, as Miller has done.

Frank Albert is still continuing to be a marvel, a renewal of his old-time self. He looks well, feels well, and has so much confidence in his ability to better his position that he asked me to send a wire to a lady friend of his in Massachusetts, which I gave him. "Thanks for good wishes. Feel fine. Will finish one-two-three. FRANK."

Albert's eyes are in good shape. They are not even bloodshot, and he held out his own hands with pride, so that I could see that they were not going back on him.

Louis Glimm is as good as his word. He cannot be classed as only a 24-hour man now. He has done nobly this time. A position is assured to him, barring an accident, and it is more than he himself expected. Lawson is in good shape, but is inclined to be lazy. There is nothing ailing him, but he is not prepared to stand punishment, and six-day racing calls for this.

Nawn and Aronson have been clinging together all week, and they will be together to the end. Aronson left his partner, Julius, early in the race, far behind. The only tail-ender who seems to have any vim and life in him is Foster. While he is on the track he keeps up a sustained sprint, but when he dismounts his rest is too long and protracted. The men are beginning to get sleepy, but a good tumble, as the result of momentary oblivion, soon wakes them up in earnest, and the scare they get does them good. The men are still sane, although a little crabbed, and when they dismount it is a little difficult to persuade them to remount. Teddy Hale and Doggie Stevens especially—one the old-timer and the other the novice of the race.

concerned. Their mileage was almost equal. For some reason, Waller's trainer, King Ryan, saw fit to resort to ammonia and strychnine first.

Miller's trainer, John West, under the careful watch of Professor Atwater, of Wesleyan College, made use of strong coffee alone to keep Miller awake and to stimulate him during the last few hours.

Waller's trainer, Ryan, began to use ammonia and strychnine pills on the dying Dutchman yesterday. The result became

apparent at 8:20 yesterday morning, when Waller began to collide with the inside rail. He had two severe falls at the Madison Square Garden, and then Miller, with a perfect understanding of Waller's drugged condition, induced him to sprint, when Waller met his Waterloo at the east end of the track, travelling at full speed.

One of the oldest trainers on the track, Joseph Quirk, who piloted Albert in his magnificent race for place, said last night that Waller's trainer's began to drug him Thursday morning.

Miller Held Off.

"I will begin to give Albert his stimulant tonight," Quirk said. "Here are the pills I have been giving him to-day. They contain one-thirty-second of a grain of strychnine. That increases the circulation—has an influence on the heart. All of them use it. Miller has been giving him, giving the other riders ammonia since yesterday. It was the same effect."

Smelling salts, a broken bottle of which, thrown aside by Waller, indicated the presence of Quirk.

Waller's trainer denies that any drug has been used, but his drugged condition betrays the trainer's assertion. Every evidence of the use of the drug was present when the "Flying Dutchman" received his fall early yesterday morning, which almost fractured his collar bone.

Professor Atwater, of Wesleyan College, who has closely inspected every ounce of substance which has passed into Miller's stomach, testified last night that nothing in the nature of drugs had entered into his diet.

Coffee as a Winner.

"It is pure, strong coffee alone," John West said, "which has brought Miller through. For verification I leave it to the chemists."

John West, the veteran trainer, in explanation of Miller's winning form, said: "I have given him strong coffee and extremely hot baths when I wanted to keep Miller awake. It is to these things, and

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to his perfect physical condition, to which his success may be attributed. "I have always frowned upon the use of drugs, and my experience with all of the prominent athletes of the country will bear me out. Miller, if he goes out, will win on account of natural causes alone. He has a wonderful physique, and no drugs have increased his chances of success. "As for his marrying, I do not pretend to know what effect it will have on his continuance as a champion. Time alone will tell. All I know is that Miller has not yet seen his equal as a six-day champion."

Forced by Strychnine.

Few of the trainers were willing to admit that any artificial means had been used to increase their principals' chances of success. It was learned definitely at the track side that Pierce had taken peppermin and ammonia,